

TRADE, PUBLIC SERVICE, ARMY AND HOMES PLAN HAPPY HOLIDAY

Christmas in El Paso to be Observed According to Tradition; Charitable Organizations Will See That Poor Are Not Forgotten; While City Celebrates Soldiers at Post Will Eat Turkey and Get Gifts.

By ESTHER KENDALL MOAT.

CHRISTMAS in El Paso is the great "home" day of the year. It is then that the eager children clamor early and loudly to see their presents, when all day long father and mother must watch the wonders of the gifts that Santa brings, and to feel the warmth and gladness of the home spirit. Christmas services there are, and for those who haven't enough at home to keep them busy, there are the public entertainments, but on the whole, everything is very quiet on Christmas day. The busy campaigners rest from the last furious drive, crowned with the honors which they have won; the philanthropic persons who have planned parties and Christmas trees for the less fortunate are resting from their arduous labors.

Business Will Halt.
All the banks will be closed and the other places of business. Only those enterprises which serve the public in a direct manner will be open on this holiday of all holidays. The city hall will be deserted, the city and county courts closed. Only one office will be open. The health office is closed, but the public health because death needs no holidays, nor any safety. Wells Fargo Express company, which has been doing a tremendous amount of business, will be open half of the day in order to distribute the Christmas parcels which are coming in by every train. Every train has been delayed for several days on account of the heavy Christmas mail and package service. All have at least an extra car on in which to hold the tokens of affection and interest which are being sent from one end of the continent to the other.

Traveling Public Spends \$10,000.
About \$10,000 worth of Christmas travel money has been spent at the railroad offices this year. All the downtown ticket offices will be closed on Christmas. Although many roundtrip tickets for very long trips have not been purchased, several trains come to El Paso on Christmas day. The Santa Fe brings back to their old homes to visit, and each incoming train brings friends and relatives of those who live here to the city to enjoy its hospitality. Especially is this true of the college group.

Postoffice Delivers Sunday.
The postoffice carrier windows will be open from 10 to 11 o'clock on Christmas. There will be one business district letter and paper delivery Christmas morning, but none in the residence section. On Sunday, December 23, however, there will be a letter and paper delivery in order to get rid of accumulated mail. There will be a parcel delivery on both Sunday and Christmas day. All other federal offices will close on Christmas.

Free Public Buildings Open.
The Young Men's Christian association building will be one of the few public buildings open in the city but there will be no special observance of the day in that organization. The public library will be closed. The hotels, cafes and theaters expect to do a big business, for there are always many people who seek entertainment on Christmas day.

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Finest and best furnished, cosiest, most comfortable and refined family hotel in El Paso or the Southwest.
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LOOKING INTO REEF OF PROJECT

Secretary Lane Replies to Appeal for Retaining Irrigation Experts.

The local reclamation service office has received a telegram from Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the interior, requesting that information concerning the status of the local organization be forwarded at once to Washington in regard to the telegrams sent by James A. Smith, Zach L. Cobb, the El Paso Clearing house and the chamber of commerce, requesting that no men be accepted for the army who are needed in work on the Rio Grande project.

Start Winter Cleaning.
General winter cleaning has been started on the canals in both upper and lower valleys, under the supervision of the P. M. McNamee, irrigation manager. The work is done with scrapers behind teams of horses. About 25 men are employed, which are all that the service can get. The newly constructed drains are being cleaned over to remove the mud which has blown in and which obstructs the flow of the water. The newly acquired community ditchers are being reconstructed. It is expected that the equal monthly expenditure will jump from \$10,000 to \$100,000 during the month of January. The reclamation office reports said.

Reports on the construction of the four new drainage excavators for the reclamation service show satisfactory progress. Each machine will cost about \$10,000.

The management of the Y. M. C. A. On Christmas evening an entertainment is to be given the soldiers at Fort Bliss by the young people's church society of El Paso. There will be a Christmas tree with decorations, an entertainment, and much more. It is to be enjoyed by the soldiers, their families, officers and many of the young people from the city. The 60th Infantry band will play. At the base hospital there will also be a Christmas evening entertainment under the charge of El Paso nurses.

Baskets for the Poor.
The Associated charities' Christmas will consist of baskets given to about 150 families on Monday afternoon, and a Christmas entertainment for the nursery children on Monday morning.

The Elks are sending baskets to many of the poor of the city. How many they will send to, they are not yet certain. The knowledge of gifts does not all come to the public, though, as many individual efforts are worthy of mention. One man is giving presents to eight children who live in his house, as he has no children of his own. Six little girls will be made glad by dolls, and two little boys with the toys which boys love.

Rescue Home to Have "Santys."
The Salvation Army rescue home is to have its Christmas celebration on Christmas eve, when Santa Claus, as represented by a prominent newspaper man of the city, will appear and give the boys and girls a wonderful time. Many persons all over the city have helped with the work at the Salvation Army rescue home, and many are cooperating in making the Christmas tree a success.

Soldiers to Have Turkey.
Christmas at Fort Bliss is to be celebrated in many ways, chiefly gastronomic, however. Uncle Sam provides his boys with ration of turkey, and the masses of the various regiments will produce feasts worth attending. A hop for the enlisted men will be the chief feature in the social line, and will be held at the post rooms at headquarters on Thursday night.

An Outdoor Tree.
An outdoor Christmas tree will be enjoyed by men of the truck train, the 29th and 26th sanitary troops, and the Eighth and Second engineers on Friday night at camp Baker, under the stars.

Smeller Trainmen Ask More Wages; Refused; Walk Out; Are Replaced

One of the most unique "strikes" in the industrial history of this section has just terminated at the El Paso smelter, to the complete satisfaction of employer and employees, although the men did not secure the raise requested and did not return to work.

The engineers and firemen employed to operate the "mummy" train lines in the yards about the smelter early this week, according to deputy sheriff C. M. Litchfield, stationed at the smelter, requested their employers to grant them a wage increase, so that they would be paid the same scale as trainmen on the trunk lines. This would be \$4.20 for an eight hour day.

The company replied, it is said, that it could not meet the demands of the men. An "orderly strike" was then called. Friday afternoon several men presented themselves at the office of the smelter and received their accrued wages. They asked for service letters and were requested to return Saturday morning. They did so and every man received the desired letter. It was said.

According to Mr. Litchfield, the smelter was without the semblance of any disorder, and Saturday morning the smelter had secured men to operate all their little locomotives and cars. The smelter conducts the "open shop" method.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PRAISED FOR ITS EFFICIENT WORK

John W. Wray, chief of the fire department, received the following letter Saturday morning:

"Enclosed please find check for \$10 for the firemen's fund, which is a slight token of our appreciation for the prompt and efficient work of your department at the fire in our store, corner of Second and Stanton streets. We wish to thank you and the men of your department for the exceedingly fast time made in responding to the alarm and extinguishing the fire, the entire time from the alarm until the fire (which had gained considerable headway) was out did not exceed more than four or five minutes."

"El Paso surely has reason to be proud of such a fire department. We wish you and all the boys a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we are."

Sincerely yours,
"International Drug Co."
"By J. H. Hunter, Secy. and Treas."

FOUR MEN HELD FOR TRIAL IN WYOMING TAKEN THERE

Joe C. Hamilton, Walter Headlee, W. J. Frisbie and W. L. Brown, held in connection with the alleged killing of a Greek chauffeur near Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 2, left Friday evening in custody of Thomas E. Holland, department of justice officer, and E. G. School, Cheyenne deputy sheriff, for Wyoming, where they will be investigated further in connection with the case.

Voluntary statements had been made by the four men to county attorney W. H. Fryer several days after their arrest by rangers at Yuleta. They told of driving from the scene of the Greek's death to Socorro, N. M., where the automobile was sold, coming thence to El Paso and to Yuleta.

Army and Navy Priests Mixed "Berolates in Pious Package" packed and wrapped—ready for shipment, \$1.00 per box—The Warner Drug Co. Ordorff Hotel Block, Tel. 121.—Adv.

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MARIE ANTOINETTE herself started the vogue of the bit of filmy lace. True, Handkerchiefs had been used for ages, but it required the imprimatur of France's fair but tragic queen to start the Handkerchief on its way to world-wide favor. The beautiful Antoinette had a habit of holding a dainty handkerchief to her mouth. Every courtier and lady in waiting, of course, did likewise. So, from the gorgeous Court of the Louis, the vogue of the Handkerchief spread throughout all civilized countries. But so useful and practical was the subject of the vogue that it enjoyed an ever-increasing popularity—until today it is probable that the stock of Handkerchiefs shown in this great Store is one of the most complete we've ever shown, at 25c to \$5.00.

A Hallowed Sentiment Attached To The Glove

HIS Gentle Lady's Glove stood for everything that was highest and best of chivalry in the good old days when Knighthood was in flower. Honor to women was symbolized by the dainty glove in the stout Knight's Helmet of Steel. Sir Laurence of King Arthur's Court, Roland, the Mighty Paladin of Charlemagne, Sir Bertrand du Guesclin and Bayard, the gentle knight without fear and without reproach—heroes all—wore their Lady's Glove when setting lance at rest, in Tournament or in Battle. The knight would defend the symbol of his lady's favor at the peril of his life. This, then is the hallowed sentiment that attaches even unto the glove of today—a sentiment justified, mellowed, enriched by the centuries that have observed it.

There are Christmas Knights today, and Gentle Ladies—living all about us—to whom the glove still holds its sacred aura, and to whom nothing is more welcome than the gift of the Glove. Complete stocks here, at 50c to \$5.00.

ALL TROOPS AT FORT JOIN AT TREE CHRISTMAS EVE

At a clock Monday evening all the troops at Fort Bliss, led by the band, will march to the center of the drill grounds, where a community Christmas tree has been placed, to attend a program of Christmas celebration arranged by the chaplains and Y. M. C. A. workers at the fort.

The choirs of various churches will attend and sing in the program. The consolidated band will play Christmas carols. Mr. Rex, Anthony J. Schuler, Catholic bishop, will make a short address, as will also Rev. P. R. Knickerbocker, pastor of Trinity Methodist church. It is proposed to have choruses by the united choirs, vocal and instrumental solos and other numbers. The program will also include special arranged attractions for children of officers and soldiers who attend.

Stationery Will Make Excellent Xmas Gifts

IN our Stationery Department you will find the daintiest and most up-to-date Writing Papers that can be produced by the best paper mills of the land, in boxes dressed in holiday style, suggestive of the Yuletide season. Pen can scarce do justice to the description of our Paper and Correspondence Cards—you must come and examine for your own satisfaction to appreciate. Prices 25c to \$5.00.

Solid Gold And Novelty Jewelry In Profusion

SUCH a wonderful stock to choose from. Our reputation for fine novelty jewelry is established in El Paso; everyone knows they can find whatever is new and good in novelties here. This year we not only have novelties but we have great stocks of solid gold jewelry. This fine represents manufacturers' goods that have quality and style at reasonable prices. Don't fail to see this Jewelry Monday.

Merchandise Certificates Will Please Them

MANY corporations give their employees Merchandise Certificates every Christmas and allow the employees to choose the articles they wish after the holiday rush is over. Many other people who do not know the size, color or kind of article desired give Merchandise Certificates. You may secure them from any of our floor managers or at the cashier's office.

Xmas Deliveries Will Be Made Without Fail

ALL goods purchased here Monday will be delivered the same day, or Monday night, without fail. Whenever possible, please take parcels with you, and aid in relieving the congestion of deliveries the last day.



Last Call for Christmas

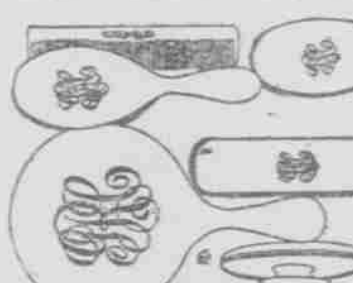
NOW for Monday, the last shopping day before Christmas, when shopping will be at its very pinnacle. This is to be the test of the store's selling organization. All day Monday and Monday evening until 10 o'clock, this store will be at your command, tuned to the highest pitch in your service.

Additional help, additional delivery and wrapping facilities. Every possible effort will be made to bring shopping service to the highest efficiency. Remember, these last minute hints that will aid you in making the Christmas shopping more satisfactory.

We would impress upon you that while the store aims to deliver all merchandise possible, that it is safer for the last day, at least, to take small parcels with you. Don't forget our Toy City and Dolls in our Old Annex—Second Floor, with its thousands of Dolls and Toys.

(Signed) *The Popular*

Parisian Ivory Toilet Articles



ACCEPTABLE Christmas gifts that every woman will appreciate. Complete selections in sets or in separate pieces. Clothes Brushes, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors, Military, Hand and Nail Brushes, Combs in various styles and sizes, Trays of all sizes, Presley Boxes, Hair Removers, Pin and Hairpin Boxes, Salve Boxes, Perfume Bottles, Nail Brushes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, various Manicure Articles, Etc. An immense selection, 25c up to \$5.00. Parisian Ivory Toilet Sets, \$2.00 to \$25.00.

Women's Neckwear For Christmas

NOTHING gives such a satisfying and finishing touch to a woman's costume as a pretty piece of neckwear. We are showing a beautiful selection of collars, vests in high and low necks, garters, high necks, fancy stocks and collar and cuff sets in broadcloth, Georgette crepe, net, chiffon, lace and embroidery, 50c to \$10.

Delightful Gift Perfumes

WHEN in doubt a bottle of any one of these standard perfumes will make a most acceptable gift. These are offered in both imported and domestic manufacture—made by the noted perfumers of Europe and America.

Miro Dina Perfumes and Toilet Waters, Coty's Perfumes, Pinard's Perfumes, Dinticks Perfumes, Roger & Galle's Perfumes, L. T. Fiver's Perfumes, Vantine's Perfumes, high necks, fancy stocks and collar and cuff sets in broadcloth, Georgette crepe, net, chiffon, lace and embroidery, 50c to \$10.

Fancy Baskets And Art Needlework

FANCY BASKETS—Novelty reed, bamboo, Japanese, mission and sweet grass. Lined or unlined stand and table sewing baskets, flower, fruit, waste paper and candy baskets. Former prices ranged from 50c to \$6.50. Choice at HALF PRICE.

Leather Novelties That Will Please

WE offer to Christmas shoppers a display that includes every conceivable novelty for men and women. We have created hundreds of new ideas this season—many of which are confined exclusively to this store and not to be found elsewhere. Everything in leather that goes to make a display complete can be found here—we haven't omitted one worthy article.

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For Grandad-

Make grandad comfortable, give him a Smoking Jacket or a Lounging Robe. Mufflers, Hose, Walking Sticks, Gloves, Shoes or a Hat would make an ideal gift and would be highly appreciated.

For Father-

Here's a few things that Father would appreciate—Neckwear, Gloves, Hose, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Cuff Buttons, Shirts, Underwear, Mufflers. A Smoking Jacket or a Lounging Robe would make a very acceptable gift.

For Husband-

Are you in doubt as to what "hubby" would like? Here's a few things that you can select from and please him. Neckwear, Collars, Shirts, Gloves, Suspenders, Handkerchiefs, Vests, Hose, Shoe Supporters, Mufflers, Smoking Jacket or a Lounging Robe.

For Big Brother-

Here's what big brother would appreciate. Military Brushes, Comb and Brush Set, Gloves, Initial Handkerchiefs, Silver Buckle Belts, Tie Pin Sets, Cuff Buttons, Full Dress Sets, Fancy Vests, Silk Hose, Shirts, Neckwear, Mufflers, Walking Sticks, Shoes or a Hat.

For Sweetheart-

What does he want, you wonder. Well, we would suggest—Silk Neckwear, Smoking Jacket, Lounging Robe, Collar, Cuff Buttons, Shirts, Jewelry, Silver Buckle Belts, Initial Handkerchiefs, Silk Hose, Fancy Vests, Mufflers, Manicure Sets, Military Brushes, Comb and Brush Sets, etc.

For Son-

He wants a play suit, to play "Injun," "Fireman," "Policeman," "County Sheriff," "Cowboy," "Boy Scout" or a "Military Suit" to play "Soldier." To give him a play suit means a very happy boy on Christmas morn. Priced from \$1 to \$6. Bath Robes, Sweaters, Shirts, Blouses, Pajamas also make splendid gifts.

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